

REMARKS

Applicant has now amended this application in response to the office action. Fees in the amount of \$18.00 are paid by the attached check.

The claims now all require that there be a plurality of electrical components actuated by the remote transmitter. The claims further require that the actuation allows the visual inspection of the electrical components from the location of the remote transmitter. Doyle, et al. is merely a standard key fob. It allows actuation of a component on the vehicle such as the door locks in a standard fashion, but does not allow visual inspection. Moreover, a plurality of components are not actuated. While Doyle, et al. does disclose transferring diagnostic information, such diagnostic information is always limited to information with regard to the key fob and how it may be failing. It is clear from applicant's invention that the electrical components which are receiving the diagnostic analysis are those on the vehicle, and not anything which may be associated with the "remote transmitter". Further, new claims 19-21 add additional details which are simply not met in any fashion by Doyle, et al. In sum, applicant is entitled to allowance of all claims. The examiner has not found references which meet the claims, and applicant is entitled to allowance.

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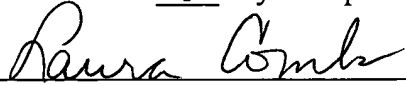
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APPENDIX 1
Claims

(Version With Markings to Show Changes Made)

1. (Amended) A method of actuating electrical components of a vehicle for performing diagnostic analysis on the electrical components, said method comprising:

relaying a signal from a remote transmitter to a receiver aboard a vehicle; [and]

actuating a plurality of electrical components on the vehicle in response to the signal from the transmitter; and

visually inspecting the actuation of said plurality of electrical components from the location of said remote transmitter.

2. (Amended) A method as set forth in claim 1 including the step of performing diagnostic analysis upon the plurality of electrical components [of] on the vehicle while actuating the electrical components with the remote transmitter.

10. (Amended) A method of actuating electrical components of a vehicle for performing diagnostic analysis on the electrical components, said method comprising:

programming an electronic control device on a vehicle with an actuation sequence for a plurality of vehicle electrical components;

transmitting a signal from a remote transmitter to a receiver aboard the vehicle;

relaying the signal to the plurality of electronic control device for beginning the actuation sequence of the electrical components in response to the signal from the transmitter; and

performing diagnostic analysis upon the electrical components while actuating the electrical components with the remote transmitter.

15. (Amended) An apparatus for performing diagnostic analysis upon electronic components of a vehicle, wherein said apparatus comprises:

a remote transmitter for transmitting an actuation signal;

a receiver located aboard a vehicle for receiving the actuation signal from said remote transmitter and relaying an actuation signal to a plurality of electrical components to be actuated for diagnostic purposes, to allow visual inspection of the actuation of said plurality of electrical components from the location of said remote transmitter.